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H. R. 7034

To change the date for regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office to both the Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Citizen’s Accessibility
5 Election Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DAY TO**
 2 **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY; ESTABLISHMENT**
 3 **OF UNIFORM PERIOD FOR OPERATION OF**
 4 **POLLING PLACES.**

5 Section 25 of the Revised Statutes of the United
 6 States (2 U.S.C. 7) is amended to read as follows:

7 “SEC. 25. (a) The first Saturday and Sunday after
 8 the first Friday in November, in every even numbered
 9 year, are established as the days for the election, in each
 10 of the States and Territories of the United States, of Rep-
 11 resentatives and Delegates to the Congress commencing
 12 on the 3d day of January thereafter.

13 “(b) On the days for election described in subsection
 14 (a), the period of operation of the polling places in each
 15 State and territory (other than Alaska, Hawaii, American
 16 Samoa, and Guam) shall be the 6-hour period beginning
 17 with noon Eastern time.”.

18 **SEC. 3. CHANGE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY TO SAT-**
 19 **URDAY AND SUNDAY; ESTABLISHMENT OF**
 20 **UNIFORM PERIOD FOR OPERATION OF POLL-**
 21 **ING PLACES.**

22 (a) PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ON SATURDAY AND
 23 SUNDAY.—Section 1 of title 3, United States Code, is
 24 amended by striking “Tuesday next after the first Mon-
 25 day” and inserting “first Saturday and Sunday after the
 26 first Friday”.

1 (b) UNIFORM PERIOD FOR OPERATION OF POLLING
 2 PLACES.—Section 1 of such title is amended—

3 (1) by the striking “The electors” and inserting
 4 “(a) DAY OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORS.—The
 5 electors”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 7 section:

8 “(b) PERIOD FOR OPERATION OF POLLING
 9 PLACES.—On the days for the appointment of electors de-
 10 scribed in subsection (a), the period of operation of the
 11 polling places in each State (other than Alaska and Ha-
 12 waii) shall be the 6-hour period beginning with noon East-
 13 ern time.”.

14 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
 16 respect to regularly scheduled general elections for Fed-
 17 eral office beginning with the elections held in November
 18 2012.

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